

PROGRAM: Fulton Lewis, Jr.

FULTON LEWIS, JR.: "Senator Barry Goldwater, the Republican conservative leader from Arizona, today introduced a resolution calling for a full and impartial investigation of the Bay of Pigs Cuban invasion fiasco, and said it is obvious that the President and the administration has not told the public the full truth about the affair. The resolution provides that the investigation be made by the Armed Services Committee, the Chairman of which is Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Senator Goldwater said that such an investigation is the only way the American people can be fully informed of the circumstances surrounding the invasion effort of April, 1961, and he said the investigation becomes mandatory in view of the recent statement by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, in a newspaper interview, when he said that the United States never promised or planned to provide any air cover for the invasion attempt.

"Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen proposed yesterday that if a regular committee investigation is not held, that the Republican Policy Committee conduct an investigation of its own, but this was immediately under attack, even by some Republicans who said that such an investigation would put a partisan slant on the invasion disaster. Senator Goldwater suggested that General Lyman Lemnitzer, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Allen Dulles, former Director of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, be called to testify. Senator Wayne Morse, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Latin America, rose to say that before any particular anti-partisan speeches were made on the subject, Senators should read the secret testimony taken by the Foreign Relations Committee. He said statements by both Lemnitzer and Dulles were in the transcript. Senator Goldwater said that he had read that testimony, but in his opinion it was inconclusive, particularly on the specific point of whether or not air cover-- U. S. air cover was ever promised or planned.